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(SBU) In a follow up to delivery of reftel demarche to Guatemala Foreign Ministry officials on October 10, Poloff met October 12 with Luis Carranza, Subdirector for UN Affairs in the Foreign Ministry's Multilateral Relations Directorate.

Carranza noted that the Foreign Ministry had released an October 9 statement condemning the test and said that the Foreign Ministry was attempting to persuade the Guatemalan Congress to issue a resolution that also condemned the test. Carranza said the GOG was not considering any sanctions because they were not relevant to the Guatemalan context but noted that Guatemala shared the almost universal Latin American opposition to nuclear proliferation. (Carranza explained that his "almost universal" qualifier referred to Venezuela.)

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